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The Harvest.

Sow in the morn thy seed,
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed;
Broadcast it o'er the land.

Beside all waters sow,
The highway furrows stock;
Drop it where thorns and thistles grow,
Scatter it on the rock.

The good, the fruitful ground,
Expect not everywhere;
O'er hill and dale, by plots, 'tis found;
Go forth, then, everywhere.

And duly shall appear,
In verdure, beauty, strength,
The tender blade, the stalk, the ear,
And the full corn at length.

Thou can'st not toil in vain;
Cold, heat and moist and dry,
Shall foster and mature the grain
For garners in the sky.

Hence, when the glorious end,
The day of God has come,
The angel reapers shall descend
And heaven cry "Harvest Home."

—Jas Montgomery.

LOVE MUCH.

Love much. Earth has enough of bitter in it.
Cast sweets into its cup when'er you can.
No heart so hard but love at last may win it,
Love is the grand primeval cause of man,
All hate is foreign to the first great plan.

Love much. Your heart will be led out to slaughter,
On altars built of envy and deceit.
Love on, love on! 'tis bread upon the water:
It shall be cast in loaves at your feet,
Unleavened manna, most divinely sweet.

Love much. Your faith will be dethroned and shaken,
Your trust betrayed by many a fair false lure.
Remount your faith, and let new trust awaken.
Though clouds obscure them, yet the stars are pure;
Love is a vital force and must endure.

Love much. There is no waste in freely giving,
More blessed is it even than to receive.
He who loves much alone finds life worth living,
Love on, through doubt and darkness; and believe
There is nothing which love may not achieve —Selected.

THE BATTLE AND THE VICTORY.

We are chosen, we are called, not to die and be saved, but to live and save others. The promise of Christ is a task and a reward. For us there is a place in the army of God, a mansion in the heaven of peace, a crown in the hall of victory. But whether we shall find that place and dwell in that mansion and wear that crown depends upon our willingness to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Jesus. Whatever our birthright and descent, whatever our name and profession, whatever our knowledge of Christian doctrine and our performance of Christian worship may be,—when the great host is gathered in the City of God with tattered flags and banners glorious in their bloodstained folds with armor dinted and swords worn in the conflict ,with wounds which tell of courage and patient endurance and deathless loyalty,—when the Celestial Knighthood is assembled at the Round Table of the King, our name will be unspoken, our crown will hang above an empty chair, and our place will be given to another, unless we accept now with sincere hearts the only gospel which can deliver us from the inertia of doubt and the selfishness of sin. We must enter into life by giving ourselves to the living Christ who unveils the love of the Father in a Human Life and calls us with Divine Authority to submit our Liberty to God's Sovereignty in blessed and immortal Service to our fellow men for Christ's sake.

Henry Van Dyke.

LIFE'S BEST ALWAYS AHEAD.

How common it is for one in mature or advanced life to wish that he were young again! And what a mistake this is? If one remembers joys that he had in former years let him be grateful for them, and know that better things, even if not the same as these, are yet before him. The best things to God's children are ever ahead, not behind. If he thinks of mistakes that he then made, let him be grateful that he has not to ~~try~~ the thing over again, lest he ~~might~~ do even worse if he had ~~another~~ trial. If, indeed, he really can do better now, let him do so where and as he is, instead of showing his unfitness for the present by repining over the lost past.

"Would you be young again?
So would not I.
One tear to mem'ry given,
Onward I'd hie,
Life's dark flood forded o'er,
All but at rest on shore,—
Say, would you plunge once more
With home so nigh?

—Sunday School Times.

THE TOWN OF BABYVILLE

Lou J. Beaucamp

It's the dearest town, the fairest town,
the prettiest town to me,
Of all the towns in all the lands, this side
or 'cross the sea;
It's sunshine there, and moonshine there,
and starshine all the time,
And its never cold, and moonshine there,
its lovely summer clime;
There's never a ghost or goblin there, and
sin was never known,
And no one ever had a pain or heard a
neighbor groan.

And the birds sing always ,night and day,
in fact they're never still,
In this airy, fairy, darling place, the town
of Babyville.
The stores are full of smeetmeats and
they're sold just for a song,
The hobby-horses in the streets are free
the whole day long.

You can live with us forever, if a baby
comes along;
We want another sunny face, another
voice in song,
For we all sing in our village from the
book of Mother Goose,
And it takes a babe to teach you how to
let your voice out loose.
So if you think of coming, just send your
name along;
And tell us when the baby came, and if
it's well and strong;
And tell us when to meet you, we'll be
waiting by the mill,
And the band will play you welcome to
the town of Babyville.

God bless us all, and keep us; what heavy
hearts there'd be
If all these little darlings should be lost
to you and me;
There would never be a sunny day in all
the wide, wide land,
And all the skies above us with clouds
could but be spannel.
But God is good, stop worrying, and join
me in a song,
Here's love ,and life, and sunshine, to
the babies, weak and strong
Let's cuddle down beside them, and rest
content until
God calls us all to heaven from the town
of Babyville.

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IF I WUS PRESIDENT.

"IF I was only President,"
Said little Billie Searles,
"I wouldn't 'low no schools to start,
Exceptin' for the girls.
There ain't no use to edercate
A kid with any sense ,
He'll learn hisself; they're somethin'
wrong
With all our Presidents.

"Now, what's the use o' breakin' in
On all a feller's fun,
An' pen'im up in school jes' when
The nuttin' time's begun?
An' what's the use to load 'm down
With things like'rithmetics?
He'd great deal ruther be outdoors,
A-fishin' in the cricks.

"Now, what's the use of grammar?
Pshaw!
They ain't none, I kin see,
An' as fer spellin'—why, it comes
Jes' natural fer me.
I wisht thet I was runnin' things,
You bet yer bottom cent
They wouldn't be no schools fer boys
If I wus President."—Kansas City Star.

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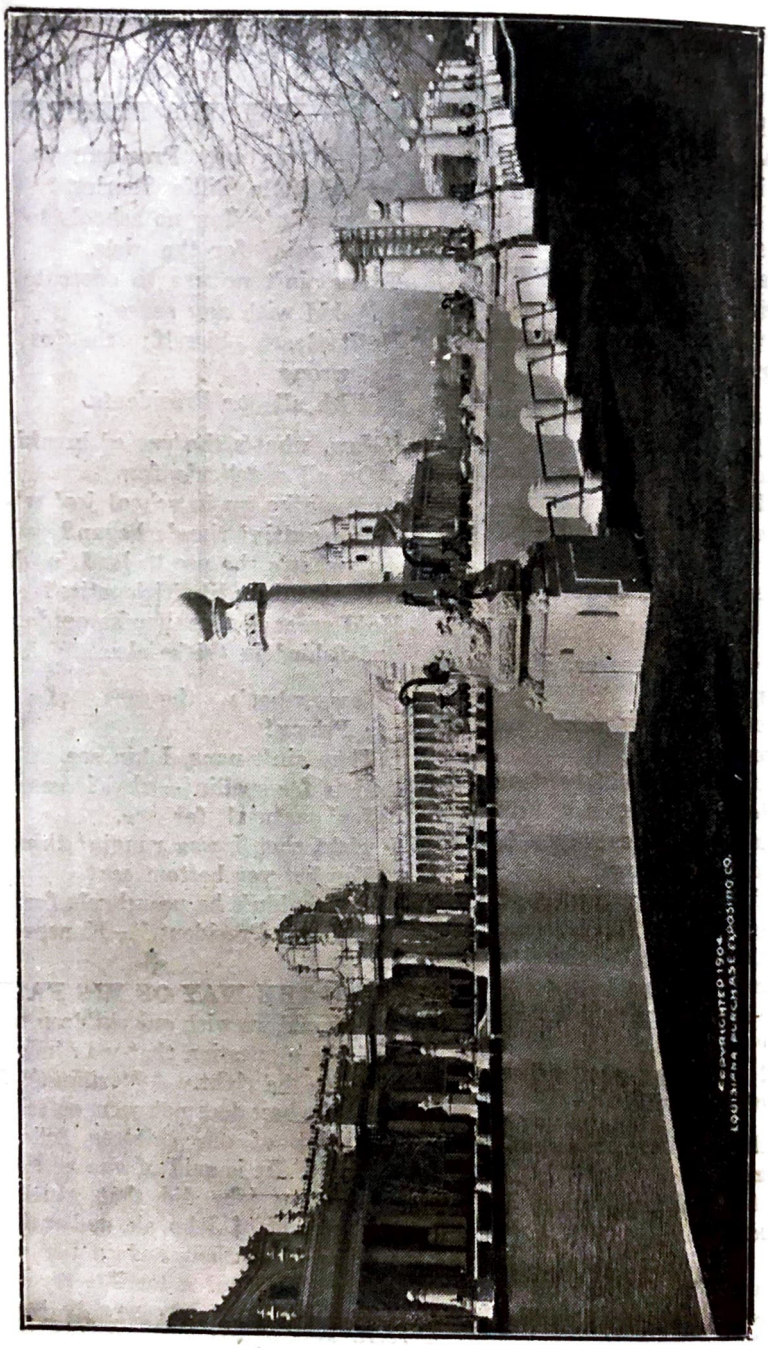
"IN THE WAY OF HIS FATHER."

"Should we wish our children to do as we do?" is a question that may help us to decide for the right. A "trifling" departure from the best does not seem so trifling when we think of our children following that example. It is said of one of the kings of Israel that "he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother." What a terrible record! If you knew that your boy was to walk in the way of his father, or in the way of his mother, during the next twenty-four hours, would you do some things differently? How do you know that he is not? He is fearfully—or blessedly—likely to.—Sel.



Lagoon in Front of Palace of Electricity and Varied Industries.—St. Louis Fair.

The Church at Work

Sunday School

R. J. Pickett, Dept. Editor

Summer is over and fall that most beautiful season in Chicago is upon us. We are sure that all will be glad to again meet in the pleasant and most important work of the Sunday School. Many have been the vacations and as usual the school has been depleted but we know by the vacation certificates that are returning that many have attended Bible Schools elsewhere.

At the Lake, where the writer spent a few Sundays, a brown legged member of the Messenger Service every Sunday morning circulated an announcement through the camp similar to the following:

Sunday School at 3 o'clock.

Adult Class will meet on Mrs. Hackett's porch. Prof Gilbert will teach.

Intermediate Class will meet on Mrs. Wilhelmy's porch. Mrs. Wilhelmy will teach.

Primary Class will meet on Mrs. Well's Porch. Miss Marshall will teach.

Bring all the hymn books that are not packed up.

The Intermediate pupils will please call before Friday at Mrs. Harper's and get the questions on the lesson for next Sunday.

The boats will gather for a song service on the Lake at 6:30, Mr. Huber will lead us.

The various papers devoted to Sunday School work report that all over the country this sort of thing is done, so we need not feel discouraged even though the attendance of the city school does run down during the summer months.

Rally Day

The fall rally of our Sunday School will be September 25th at 9:30 a. m., each department in its regular place. We all want this year to be the best in the history of the school, not in numbers only but in conversions. Every member and every one with a vital interest in these endeavors has a work to do all through this year and our rally season is the first opportunity. Will you take it for Christ?

The First Baptist Church Sunday School should be the largest and most efficient school in this city. It can be made so only by the co-operation of every member of the church—every father and mother—and every child. Without this aid, the officiers and teachers are almost powerless.

You can make this rally day a success or a failure. The plans are all laid for a good program in each department. If you will come and bring a friend, seeing to it that your friend and yourself are both enrolled as permanent scholars and started earnestly to study God's Word, it will be a success; you will have gained something and the school will be strengthened. There is a place for everyone. As we have said befor our enrollment reachers from the cradle to the grave. If you cannot attend all the regular sessions of the school at 9:30, you certainly can join the Home Department and study at home.

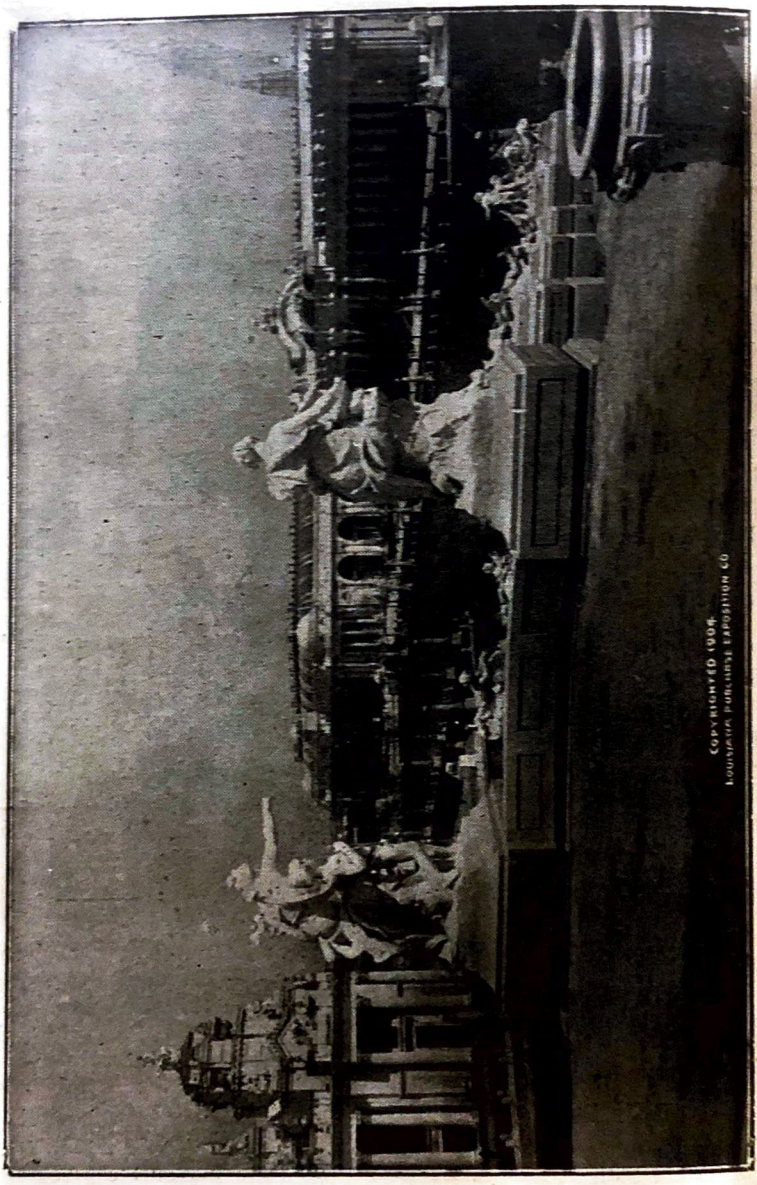
All our Rally Day services will commence at 9:30 sharp, Sunday morning, September 25th.

Onward Class.

Mr. Williamson our assistant teacher will teach the class September 11th.

Next Monday, Sept. 12th the first open night for the Onward boys will be held. It is expected that Dr. de Blois will speak to the boys.

It is the plan of the entertainment committee to inaugurate a course of addresses by successful men upon their specialty. These entertainments will be free to members and their friends. A definite announcement will be made later.



From the Side Cascade, Palaces of Electricity, Manufacture and Education.—*St. Louis Fair.*

Personal and Other Notes

Welcome home.

Now for the greatest year of service we ever rendered.

Our sexton, Mr. Nelson, is the happy father of a new daughter, Lillian.

Miss Etta Pacius has been enjoying a visit from her sister during the month.

Mr .Embree was the preacher at the 48th Street Baptist Church last Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Elkins of Washington, D. C., has been visiting Miss Lizzie Davies for the past ten days.

Rev. Max Leuschner, pastor of the German Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, was a recent visitor.

Deacon Goodman was unable to write the church history for this issue. He will take it up again in October.

Look for the further announcement of an event to take place on September 20th, and keep the date open.

Our pastor is one of the principle speakers at the association meetings to be held in Austin ,September 22 and 23.

We are very sorry to go to press again without a word from the pastor but next month we will surely have his message.

We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord in the loss of their little one at Evanston during the second week of August.

Mr. Bender, a missionary friend of Mr. Coils, gave a very interesting talk about his work in Central America before the C. E. Society and also at Raymond.

Rev. Mr. Heald assisted in our Sunday School exercise August 14th. He is a boyhood friend of Deacon Barron and the efficient pastor of a Baptist church in the middle of the state.

Mr. Van Meter was the speaker at the open air meeting last Monday evening. These meetings have been very fruitful in conversions and in strengthening our own young people by heroic service.

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A new plan has been started by our primary department teachers which gives promise of great helpfulness. A teachers' meeting is held for 15 minutes at the close of the lesson hour each Sunday for conference and prayer.

Dr. Gale met with a severe accident last week. While riding his wheel near Dr. Henson's old home a team suddenly turned in front of his wheel and caused him to be thrown in such a manner that his left limb was broken above the knee.

Mrs. Jennie H. Lodor, one of our absent members and a former worker writes the following:

During the eight month in Marquette, Mich., where I was undoubtedly led by the spirit, I have worked in the Marquette Penitentiary in the county poor house in the Salvation Army Barracks; also as superintendent of a growing Chinese Mission and as superintendent of a large and growing Junior Baptist Union which I organized on a stormy Sunday in February with eight boys and one girl. We now have an enrollment of sixty. God has privileged me to do a great deal of personal work also with telling results.

We are sorry to lose such an active worker and hope she may soon be with us again.

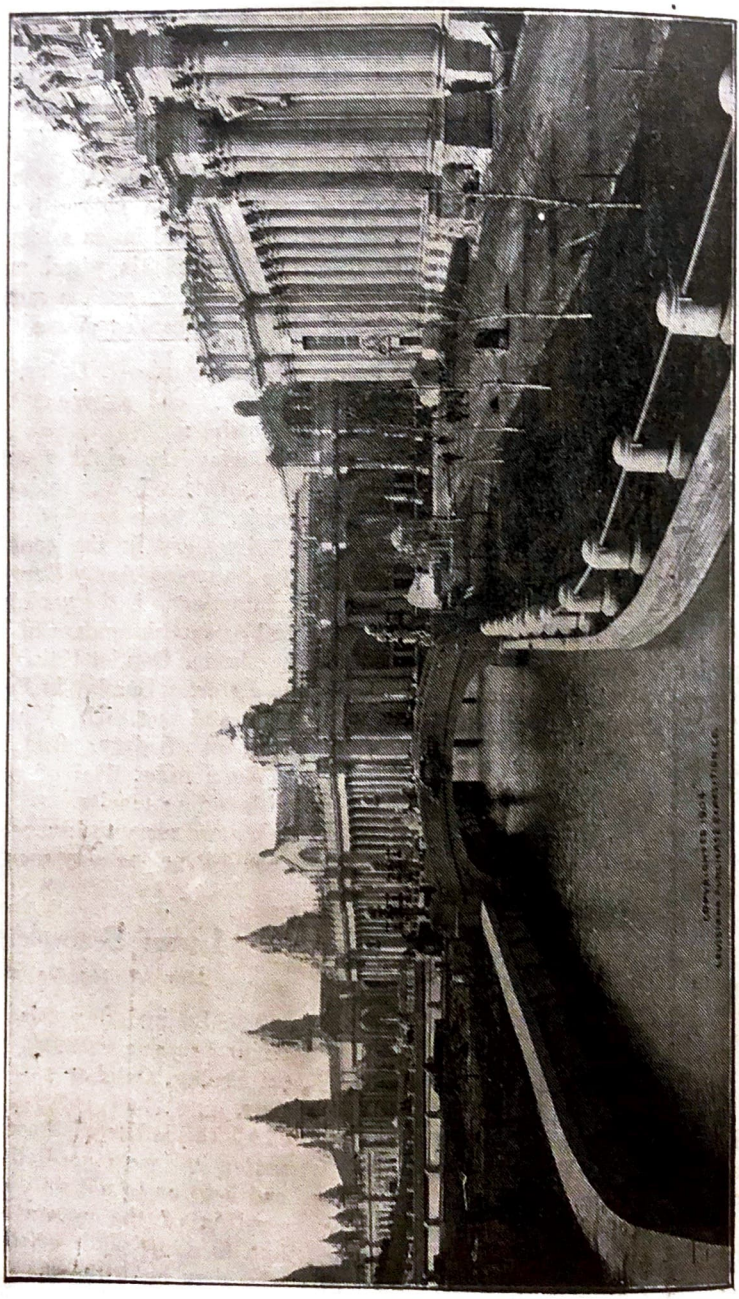
Ladies' Benevolent Society

Mrs. W. Morava, Dept. Editor

The Ladies' Benevolent Society will inaugurate their season's work, by meeting on Friday, October seventh, from ten till four.

All the ladies of the church and congregation are most cordially invited to come and help us to not only make this the first meeting of the season a happy re-union, but to greet and welcome any strangers who may be with us.

Luncheon will be served about twelve-thirty.



A Glimpse of Three Palaces, Machinery, Electricity and Education.—St. Louis Fair.

Left to right: Education, side Cascade, Festival Hall and Main Cascade.—St. Louis Fair.

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After Vacation---What?

In the work of the church this fall there is a place for you. Are you going to fill it? or is it for rent? Is the vacation from the service of Christ ended or are the doors and windows still boarded up in your spiritual house and a sign up "apply next door?" Unless the vacation has brought new strength for new service it has been a waste of time. We cannot take a rest from our responsibility to God for carrying on his service. Go ye and disciple the nations except during the summer is not the way the "great permission" reads. We must make up for lost time by redoubled zeal in the Master's service.

After vacation— work!

The First Church Field.

Upon the strategic location of a church depends its measure of usefulness other things being equal. No Baptist Church in Chicago has a greater opportunity for a larger usefulness than our own. On every side a mighty mass of humanity surges at our very door. We do not need to go out and bring them in so much, but as we need to follow up those who come to us; and bring them into closer relation to the life of the church. It is the personal welcome, the personal invitation, the call, the individual interest that brings the stranger into the church.

Only in proportion as our individual members take an active interest in winning those still unreached will we improve the vineyard God has given us. The field is white unto the harvest. Will you be one of the reapers to gather in the sheaves of good from the sheaves of sin. God help us as a church to make the best use of our great opportunity.

Rally Day.

The importance of Rally Day can hardly be over-emphasized. To marshal all the forces is the first essential in any aggressive campaign. The plans are being made for a great day in the Sunday School Shall we not lend our best efforts to the interests of this the most important, part of our church work. Invite the children, young people and grown people of your acquaintance to become members of the school. Come yourself, take a class or join one. If you are not able to teach you certainly should come for instruction. The more we know of God's word the more we want to know. Why should not every member of the church be in the Bible School which is the church at work studying and teaching God's truth.

Every member of the Home Department should make a special effort to visit the Home school on this Rally Day and feel the inspiration there is in a large gathering. Let everyone be present from the cradle roll to the spectacle class.

Raymond Chapel

Charles H. Coyle. Dept. Editor

Mrs. Saker is at the Baptist Hospital. She is improving slowly and will be out in a few days it is hoped.

Dr. Shepardson who preached at the First Church recently was our first real pastor at Raymond and is lovingly remembered by many.

Prospective members of Raymond Chapel are a new little girl just arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reeder and another little girl who came to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jephson.

We are glad to have Mrs. Jephson in our Bible school occasionally. When Mrs. Jephson lived in the neighborhood, some ten years ago, she and her family were most faithful attendants.

The Moody tent meetings conducted by Mr. Tom Mackey have been a great blessing to many Christians and the means of the conversion of a large number of people who would not have been reached at all but for the tent services.

We are glad Mr. Austermel finally decided to take a few days vacation. We can hardly spare him even for one Sunday but nearly every body else has had a rest but our beloved superintendent and his wife. They will spend a week or ten days in Michigan. We hope they will return with cheeks like peaches.

We begin our Union services this month and judging by the first one they will be very successful. The Praise service was one not soon to be forgotten. The choir is to be congratulated. Let us all make a special effort to bring our friends and help in every way to make these meetings a great success for the Master.

Our Bible school attendance reached low-water mark two or three weeks ago. Teachers and scholars are returning to their accustomed places and we hope to pass 250 again soon. To help along we have set the scholars to "fishing." For each new scholar brought in, a paper fish is added to a string which hangs from a board at the front of the room with the name of the "fisher" prominently displayed above. Each "fisher" has a separate string and the rivalry to show the best catch of fish is expected to result beneficially to our attendance. Prizes are to be given for those having the most to their credit.

Class No. 15 (Mr. Willshire's) is rapidly pushing its way to the front. From a class of nine only a few months ago it has grown until it now numbers seventeen. The members are showing their interest in their class by continually bringing in new scholars. They have thrown out their fishing lines, and already have three bites. The following are the new additions to the class: Miss Nina Saults, Miss Violet Manfroi, and Mr. Jesse Menkin.

The regularity of attendance is worthy of mention and is very encouraging to the teacher. The class has recently made a contribution to the Brother Eubanks China Fund, thus showing their missionary spirit. Last Sunday Miss Lucy Wiltshire, sister to the teacher, paid the class a farewell visit prior to her departure for her home in Renssalaer, Ind. She was warmly welcomed by the members and much regret was expressed at her inability to prolong her visit.

The regular term election of officers was held Sunday September 4th, 1904. The following are the officers for the ensuing term:

President, Miss Josephine Manfroi.
Vice Pres., Miss Hazel McMahon.
Sec., Miss Eva McIntyre.
Tres., Miss Carrie Maier.
Mr. Menkin was also elected class editor.

DRILL CORPS NOTES.

Miss Esther Powers has returned from Valpariso, Ind., where she spent a very enjoyable vacation.

During the past month the R. C. D. C. has held two very enjoyable outings in Washington Park.

At the home of Miss Rose Maier the girls gave a very enjoyable house party in honor of Capt. Wiltshir's sister.

The event of the month for the corps was their public appearance at the opening of new streets on the South Side for which they received a substantial contribution to their uniform fund.

The Journal of the Church

H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk

August 1. Monday. Open air service under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society addressed by Asst. Pastor Embree.

August 3. Wednesday. Monthly covenant meeting.

August 5. Friday. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. Henry Chase. Topic: "Obeying when obedience is hard." Gen. 22:1-8.

August 7. Sunday. Preaching by Dr. Arthur T. Fowler of Minneapolis. The morning theme was "Be of good cheer" from John 16:33; and the evening, "How Jesus Christ gives light."

August 8. Monday. Open air service addressed by Asst. Pastor Embree.

August 10. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service.

August 11. Thursday. Meeting of Bible Class C.

August 12. Friday. Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting addressed by Mr. Bender of Central America. This was followed by a delightful social at the home of Mr. H. J. Hale.

August 13. Saturday. Christian Endeavor lake excursion to Michigan City.

August 14. Sunday. Preaching by Dr. J. S. Kirtley of Elgin. The morning theme was "The Shared Life" and the evening, "Moses' Invitation to Hobab."

August 15. Monday. Open air service addressed by Mr. M. J. Scott.

August 17. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Mr. L. S. Joshi spoke upon "Industrial Missions in India."

August 19. Friday. Christian Endeavor prayer service led by Miss Elizabeth M. Pickett. Topic: "Standing alone for God." Rom. 8:31-39.

August 21. Sunday. Preaching by Dr. Shepardson. The morning theme was "The Revelation of God in Christ." In the evening he gave some nuggets from the Book of Colossians.

August 22. Monday. Open air service addressed by Mr. Chas .H. Coyle.

August 24. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service led by Dr. Day. Topic: "The Woman of Samaria."

August 25. Thursday. Meeting of Bible Class C.

August 26. Friday. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Miss Deibert. Topic: "What the Bible teaches about Heaven." John 14;1-3; Rev. 21:1-8.

August 28. Sunday. Preaching by Rev. Chas. H. Day of Nova Scotia.

August 29. Monday. Open air service addressed by Asst. Pastor Embree.

August 31. Wednesday. Monthly church covenant meeting. Subject: "Communion with God."

Changes in Membership

Additions.

On Experience:
Chas. F. Freligh, 3081 Bonfield St.

Diminutions.

By dropping (at his own request)
Daniel Reeder.